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# TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission Gordon Medenica, Director

- FROM: Leo Mamorsky, Managing Director, Chief Marketing Officer
- DIVISIONS: Product Development and Creative Services
- DATE: February 18, 2020

#### SUBJECT: Report for the February 2020 Commission Meeting

Following is the status update of ongoing and special projects in Product Development and Creative Services.

#### 1. Product Development

#### a) Scratch-Off Products and Promotions

- i. <u>Key accomplishments last period:</u>
  - 1. January Scratch-Off Launch (1/20/20):
    - a. \$1 5x The Cash
    - b. \$2 10x The Cash
    - c. \$5 20x The Cash
    - d. \$10 50x The Cash
  - 2. *Game Closing Activity*:

Game	Price	Game Name	Total Sales	Prize Expense	Gross Margin	Final Claim Date
369	\$3	Bag Toss Bucks	\$7,201,743	\$4,649,142	\$2,552,601	12/9/2019
392	\$1	Trip 7s	\$4,469,400	\$2,596,491	\$1,872,909	12/9/2019

- 3. *Ravens second-chance contest*: The final drawing was held 1/14/20; 729,942 entries were received.
- Holiday Cash & Dash second-chance contest: The tenth drawing was held 1/2/20; 6,582,125 entries were received. The eleventh drawing was held 1/7/20; 6,987,166 entries were received. The twelfth and final drawing was held 1/14/20; 7,452,110 were received.
- 5. *Multiplier FOG second-chance contest:* The first drawing will be held on 3/3/20; as of 2/9/20, 5,894,615 entries were received.

## ii. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period</u>:

- 1. February Scratch-Off Launch (2/24/20):
  - a. \$2 *Ca\$h Money*
  - b. \$3 Bonus Crossword 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
  - c. \$5 Strike It Rich
  - d. \$10 *Rose Gold*
  - e. \$30 Rose Gold Black

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#### b) Draw and Monitor Game Products and Promotions

#### i. <u>Key accomplishments</u>:

- 1. *Keno Kicker Promotions*: On 1/20 from 8am to 10pm, some players enjoyed an extra winning number drawn on random Keno drawings.
- 2. *Powerball 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Promotion:* Promotion went live 1/30/20 and will run through 2/26/20. For every \$10 Powerball purchased on a single ticket, a free \$2 Quick pick Powerball ticket will be generated.
- 3. *FAST PLAY* Product Launch: A new category of games launched on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with five price points: \$1 Piggy Bank Bucks, \$2 Cherry Twist, \$3 Treasure Chase, \$5 Hit \$250, \$10 Lucky Numbers. \$10 Lucky Numbers features a progressive top prize the prize starts at \$100,000 and grows with each ticket sold. The progressive prize is reset when a winning ticket is sold.

## ii. <u>Upcoming tasks</u>:

 Keno Kicker Promotions: Two remaining promotional dates of 2/20 and 3/20, from 8am to 10pm, players could see an extra winning number drawn on random Keno drawings.

## 2. Creative Services

a) Traditional Advertising

## i. <u>Key accomplishments</u>:

- 1. *Multiplier Family of Games:* Completed the production of all creative materials for the launch of the *Multiplier Family of Games.* The media buy included TV, radio, digital, social and out-of-home elements. It aired/ran from January 27 through February 16.
- 2. *FAST PLAY*: Completed production of *FAST PLAY* TV and radio spots, as well as all out-of-home and digital creative materials. The media plan was finalized and is a large effort, including TV/Cable/Connected TV, Radio/Pandora, Digital Bulletins, Metro Live Boards, Digital Video, and paid social. It is scheduled to run from February 18 through April 5.
- 3. *Rose Gold* and *Rose Gold Black:* Finalized media plan for the launch of *Rose Gold* and *Rose Gold Black.* The media will begin on March 2 and run through March 29. The media plan includes Pandora digital components, a large out-of-home effort, and a digital and social campaign.
- 4. *James Bond 007:* Worked with the licensor to develop several creative elements, including TV, radio, out-of-home, digital and point of sale.
- 5. *Baltimore Orioles* and *Mid-Atlantic Sports Network:* Finalized 2020 sponsorships with the *Baltimore Orioles* and the *Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (MASN)*. The Lottery will utilize both sponsorships to promote *FAST PLAY*. Additionally, the Lottery's on-going *Contestant of the Game* promotion through MASN will continue with *FAST PLAY* tickets as the mode of entry.

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6. *Minor League Baseball Sponsorships:* Finalized 2020 sponsorships with five Maryland-based minor league baseball teams – *Aberdeen Ironbirds, Bowie Baysox, Delmarva Shorebirds, Frederick Keys,* and the *Southern Maryland Blue Crabs*.

#### ii. <u>Upcoming tasks</u>:

- 1. *Rose Gold* and *Rose Gold Black*: Complete the production of all creative materials, including digital ads and several out-of-home elements.
- 2. *James Bond 007*: Review the *James Bond 007* media plan in late February. Continue working with the licensor to finalize all of the *James Bond 007* creative elements.
- 3. *Win \$50 or \$100*: Begin planning for the launch of *Win \$50 or \$100*.
- 4. *Baltimore Orioles, MASN and Minor League Baseball*: Work with GKV on the development of all baseball sponsorship materials.

## b) My Lottery Rewards

#### i. <u>Key Accomplishments:</u>

- 1. 51,421 players engaged with *My Lottery Rewards* during January 2020; down 7% vs. December 2019.
- 2. The *Magic 8 Ball Bingo* scratch-off had the most ticket entries and the most unique enterers.
- 3. Nearly 50 million points were awarded to *MLR* members in January; up 1.5% vs. December 2019.
- 4. 20,845 *coupon rewards* were issued in January; 13,512 coupon rewards were redeemed.
- 5. Implemented and/or maintained two second chance promotions and seven points-for-drawings promotions during the month of January.

## ii. <u>Upcoming Tasks:</u>

- 1. Work with SGI to implement new CRM platform, Optimove.
- 2. Maintain player communication for Prize Point conversion to Draw Points.
- 3. Finalize points-for-drawings prize components for quarter 3.

## c) Web, Digital and Social

## i. <u>Key accomplishments:</u>

- 1. Promoted the *2020 Cash* scratch offs, *Multiplier* scratch-offs and second chance promotion, the rising *Powerball* jackpot and various winners' stories via social media and web assets.
- 2. Promoted the final *Ravens* second chance drawing deadline by building excitement for the drawing during the team's playoff run.
- 3. Collaborated with several departments to build the FAST PLAY game page on mdlottery.com.

## ii. <u>Upcoming tasks:</u>

- 1. Execute digital and social plans for FAST PLAY.
- 2. Finalize social and digital plans for *Rose Gold* and *Rose Gold Black*.
- 3. Develop digital and social plans for the *James Bond 007* scratch-off and second chance contest.